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FOR COUNTING NUMBER)
OF LAYERS OF MULTILAYER)
OBJECT BY MEANS OF)
ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE) Date: July 3, 2007

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Sir:

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- (1) U.S. Publication No. 2007/0030115
- (2) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0085159
- (3) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0085160
- (4) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0188398
- (5) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0197021
- (6) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0214176
- (7) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0227340

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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